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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND) MDL NO. 13-02419-FDS
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BEFORE: THE HONORABLE F. DENNIS SAYLOR, IV

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1 some clarification as to whether you're going to be
2 handling that because we're hearing a lot about meet and
3 confer. We are working on protocols, we are exchanging
4 them, but they're kind of in no man's land right now.

5 THE COURT: Why don't I do this. Certainly
6 as to the St. Thomas entities that you represent, I'm
7 going to direct the parties to meet and confer on the
8 discovery plan. I may spin some of this off to
9 Magistrate Judge Boal, I may keep it, I don't know, but
02:27PM 10 certainly it makes sense for you all to get together and
11 talk about what you think makes sense to see if you can
12 agree, and we'll handle it that way. Okay.

13 MS. GREER: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Does that work?

15 MS. GREER: Does that go for the deposition
16 protocol and my protocol are kind of --

17 THE COURT: I was thinking of discovery
18 protocol, which, in other words, discovery from
19 plaintiffs are going to be dealt with in the short term,
02:27PM 20 the fact sheets and so forth. Discovery from your
21 client's perspective, I want you to meet and confer and
22 talk about a possible plan. I don't know what the ESI
23 issues are, I don't know what the volume of documents
24 are. I don't have any idea what the issues are, and
25 step 1 is for you to confer with one another, and as

1 Mr. Sobol suggested, if you can agree on a plan, that's
2 great, if you can't, let's tee it up, I may decide it, I
3 may refer it to Magistrate Judge Boal, and we'll go from
4 there.

5 MS. GREER: Our thinking, right or wrong,
6 was that the discovery plan we talked about in sequence,
7 you had talked about having written discovery first and
8 then depositions, et cetera.

9 THE COURT: That's usually the way it works.

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10 MS. GREER: Usually in my experience, and
11 then separate from that would be an ESI protocol that
12 just deals with the ESI issue which would be cumbersome
13 documents and just deals with the separate protocol, and
14 we have been working on drafts of those, so I just
15 wanted to make sure that you understood how this is
16 playing out kind of in the real world, and we're okay
17 with that.

18 THE COURT: All right. That's fine. Again,
19 from my perspective, what I want is I want there to be
20 some degree of planning, I want it to be fair, I want
21 this to be as organized as it can be under the
22 circumstances. Obviously, I'm doing a lot of this kind
23 of ad hoc, but as in any case before you take discovery
24 from the other side, there needs to be some kind of plan
25 in place or order that directs and sets deadlines and so

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1 on, so why don't we get working on that.

2 If your client is in the cross-hairs and it
3 looks like it is, you need to meet and confer with the
4 plaintiffs' counsel and try to come up with either a
5 joint plan or a pair of proposals that I can choose
6 between.

7 MS. GREER: Will do.

8 THE COURT: If you want intelligent
9 commentary on any ESI protocol, you may have to find
02:29PM 10 another Judge. I'm not sure I'm the right person for
11 that.

12 Item 9, notice of instructions for accessing
13 repository.

14 MS. PARKER: Yes, your Honor, the
15 plaintiffs' steering committee sent a letter to all
16 defendants in the MDL, both unaffiliated and affiliated,
17 sharing information about the document repositories and
18 also providing some instructions for how access to those
19 repositories can be gained. Out of an abundance of
02:30PM 20 caution, we also took the liberty of ECFing a notice of
21 those instructions to make sure that every participant
22 in the MDL understood how those repositories could be
23 accessed.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else on that?

25 (No response)

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